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SUBJ: HOOKER, DELGADO RELEASED BY CONTRAS

REF: MANAGUA 4994

1. FSLN ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE RAY HOOKER, FSLN ZONAL SECRETARY PATRICIA DELGADO AND FSLN WORKER SANTIAGO MAYORGA, CAPTURED SEPTEMBER 5 BY THE CONTRAS, WERE RELEASED OCTOBER 30. THE THREE WERE IN REASONABLY GOOD HEALTH. HOOKER HAD A SLIGHT BULLET WOUND ON HIS RIGHT SIDE AND ALL THREE LOOKED THIN AND TIRED.

2. ACCORDING TO SANDINISTA PRESS REPORTS, AT 10:00 AM LOCAL TIME MISURASATA LEADER BROOKLYN RIVERA AND FRENCH DIPLOMAT PHILIPPE CUYO WENT TO THE CAMP WHERE THE THREE WERE BEING HELD. THEY ALL RETURNED TO PEARL LAGOON AT 4:00PM WHERE THEY WERE MET BY A GRN DELEGATION LED BY COMANDANTE HUMBERTO CAMPBELL. THEY WERE THEN TAKEN TO BLUEFIELDS. DELGADO SAID THAT THEY HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY MISURASATA AND FDN TROOPS AND THAT THE CONTRAS HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM "THEIR LEADERS IN COSTA RICA" NOT TO HARM THEM. SHE SAID THAT THEY HAD BEEN KEPT AT FOUR CONTRA CAMPS, ALL NEAR PEARL LAGOON IN NI-CARAGUA. DELGADO ALSO SAID THAT THE CONTRAS HAD ATTEMPTED TO RAPE HER.

GIBSON

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1815 hours 31 October 1984

Tom Blau, Senator Moynihan's designee on the SSCI staff, was informed that Hooker was released on October 30, was in reasonably good health but had a slight bullet wound on his right side and looked thin and tired. Mr. Blau appreciated the call. Said he did not need further details.

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UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

17 September 1984

FRIENDS OF KIDNAPPED OU GRAD ASK CIA TO INTERVENE
ATHEN, OHIO

Four Ohio University professors are pleading with the CIA to intervene before OU graduate Ray Ronald Hooker, kidnapped this month in Nicaragua, is killed.

Hooker, 42, a 1967 graduate of Ohio University, was reported alive Friday in Costa Rica where he was being held by the Democratic Revolutionary Association, said Hooker's sister Miriam, a press secretary for the Nicaraguan Embassy in Washington.

She said a Nicaraguan diplomat told her Eden Pastora, the leader of the CIA-backed rebel force is holding Hooker.

"He knew that by becoming a candidate at this moment, it would be dangerous for his life," she said.

She said Pastora is demanding, among other things, the release of fellow rebel Jose Robelo as the price for her brother's freedom.

OU associate director of admissions and university examiner Jerry Reese said he called congressmen and talked with Hooker's friends last week. 7

"We're asking our representatives to contact the CIA and Sens. Barry Goldwater and Patrick Moynihan of the Committee on Intelligence and tell them, 'Look, this man needs to be released.'" said Reese.

Four OU professors who toured Nicaragua last summer as part of a research seminar are asking Athens residents to write the president and other public officials and plead Hooker's case.

The four claim Hooker was kidnapped by "CIA-sponsored counter-revolutionary forces."

Hooker obtained a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from OU and moved back to his hometown of Bluefields, on the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua, where he was a history professor and vice dean of humanities at the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua.

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September 12, 1984

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

Executive Registry

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Dear Sir:

The American Association of Jurists (AAJ) expresses grave concern over the recent kidnapping of Nicaraguan citizens Ray Hooker and Patricia Delgado by U.S. backed and financed mercenary groups. This incident is part of the continuing campaign of terror and intimidation supported by your administration against the Nicaraguan people in clear violation of all norms and standards of international law.

The AAJ, an organization of lawyers, judges and legal scholars from throughout North, South, Central America and the Caribbean dedicated to the defense of fundamental principles of international law, places direct responsibility on your administration for the safety and well-being of Ray Hooker and his companions. We demand that immediate steps be taken to secure the release of Mr. Hooker and other Nicaraguan citizens held by these bandit forces and that all forms of military and financial assistance to those groups be terminated.

Furthermore, the U.S. government must cease and desist from the massive military maneuvers conducted off the coasts of Nicaragua which pose a grave threat to peace in the region.

Under the internationally recognized principle of self-determination the people of Nicaragua are entitled to pursue their economic, political and social development without interference and in the manner they deem most appropriate.

We urge the United States government to support the efforts of the Nicaraguan government to bring about meaningful social change for its people in the areas of health care, education, employment and housing which are fundamental components of basic human rights.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Jackson
Deborah A. Jackson
Secretary-General



cc: George Schultz, Department of State
William Casey, Central Intelligence Agency
Tip O'Neill, House of Representatives
Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Senate

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

FROM: Response to Constituent Inquiry re Ray Hooker

EXTENSION NO.

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C, Latin America Division

2 October 1984

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SUBJECT: Response to Constituent Inquiry re Ray Hooker

In response to your 19 September 1984 letter, let me provide the following background on the Ray Hooker situation. Mr. Hooker is the FSLN (Sandinista) candidate for the National Assembly from Zelaya Sur Province on Nicaragua's east coast. He and a FSLN official, Patricia Delgado, were captured on 5 September 1984 by Misurasata insurgents who ambushed the boat in which they were riding in the Laguna de Perlas area.

The Misurasata is an east coast anti-Sandinista Indian organization headquartered in Costa Rica, headed by Brooklyn Rivera, and coming under the overall command of Eden Pastora. On 14 September Pastora, Rivera and other leaders of Pastora's organization announced that Hooker, Delgado and other persons were captured by a Misurasata unit. The communique said that within the next 48 hours Pastora's group would announce the terms for the release of the prisoners. It further said that they were being treated according to internationally recognized humanitarian standards. No further word was heard regarding the condition of Hooker and Delgado.

The Agency provides no funding to the insurgent groups and has no control over their activities or leaders. Hence, it has little or no capability to affect the Hooker situation other than emphasize to the insurgents the negative image such actions carry with them.

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18 September 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, EPS [REDACTED]

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FROM: [REDACTED]

Liaison Division, OLL

SUBJECT: Further Request for Information on Ray Hooker

1. As you know, Thomas Blau, Senator Moynihan's designee to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, previously asked for what the Agency knew regarding the kidnapping of Ray Hooker. Your response has been made available to him.

2. Last evening Mr. Blau said that several members of Congress, including Senator Moynihan, are the recipients of an organized letter writing and telegram campaign. There is an interest in Hooker's background, etc., so an attempt can be made to understand who might be behind the campaign.

3. OCR has been queried and there is no record of Ray Hooker. They do have a record of a Meriam Eleanor Hooker, who was as of 1983 the second secretary at the Nicaraguan Embassy here and a record of a Wyman Hooker, who was as of 1983 the first secretary at the Nicaraguan Embassy here.

4. Any information you might have on Hooker would be appreciated.

STAT [REDACTED]

No record in the DO. Blau was told telephonically that we had no record and the information regarding the other two Hookers was given. He said there were other questions but I said since we had no records that perhaps the FBI would be of more assistance. He agreed.

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17 Sept.



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Office of Legislative Liaison
Washington, D. C. 20505
Telephone: 351-6121

TO: Mr. Thomas Blau
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

Attached is a response to your
request for information on the contra
kidnapping of Ray Hooker and others.



17 September 1984

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SUBJECT: Response to SSCI Staffer Tom Blau's Query re Alleged Kidnapping.

Question: Mr. Thomas Blau, SSCI Staff Designee for Senator Moynihan, has requested any information known by the Agency on the contra kidnapping of Mr. Ray Hooker or anyone else. The request resulted from a 10 September New York Times article entitled "Anti-Sandinistas Said to Kidnap 2".

Response: At this time, the only information available to the Agency concerning the alleged kidnapping of Ray Hooker is contained in a State Department cable of 10 September 1984 which contains the following statements:

"On September 8, the Nicaraguan press reported on various kidnappings by contra groups in different parts of Nicaragua. FSLN candidate for South Zelaya Ray Hooker, FSLN Zonal Secretary Patrica Delgado, and a driver, were kidnapped September 5 by a group of 80 contras while they were campaigning. Troops of the Interior Ministry who found the boat they had been in when last seen were themselves attacked, but without losses. The Defense Ministry reported that seven people were kidnapped September 6 from La Laguneta, four kilometers northeast of Yali in Jinotega Department, and taken in the direction of Quebrada Arriba. The report said that the seven were kidnapped by members of the "Diriangen" command. The report also mentioned that a total of 23 contras had been killed by the EPS in combat near La Cruz Del Rio Grande in Central Zelaya and two others died near the Rio Blanco in Central Nicaragua."

25X1 A cable was sent to the field, requesting [] report any additional information on the Contra kidnappings of Hooker and other individuals. Any additional information obtained will be forwarded to SSCI.

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SUBJECT: (Optional)

SSCI request re NY Times article of 10 Sept. "Anti-Sandinistas Said to Kidnap 2"

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Mr. Thomas Blau has requested information on this incident on behalf of Sen. Moynihan. A response is needed by COB Thursday, 13 Sept. 1984.

LA Division prepared the response.

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12 September 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, EPS, [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED]

Liaison Division, OLL

SUBJECT: SSCI Request for Information Regarding the
Kidnapping by Anti-Sandinista Rebels

1. Per our phone conversation of last evening, Mr. Thomas Blau, SSCI Staff Designee for Senator Moynihan, has requested any information known by the Agency on the contra kidnapping of Mr. Ray Hooker or anyone else. The request resulted from a 10 September New York Times article entitled "Anti-Sandinistas Said to Kidnap 2" (copy attached).

2. A reply would be appreciated soonest.

Attachment:
Newspaper article

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10 September 1984

ANTI-SANDINISTAS SAID TO KIDNAP 2

Managua Says Rightist Rebels
Have Abducted 80 Others
Since Beginning of July

By STEPHEN KINZER

Special to The New York Times

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Sept. 9 — Two local Sandinista leaders were apparently kidnapped by Nicaraguan rebels last week, and Government officials here said today that they feared both had been killed.

The reported abductions brought to 82 the number of people believed carried off by United States-backed insurgents since the beginning of July, the officials said. They asserted that people involved in Sandinista organizations were being targeted in an effort to discourage residents from cooperating with the Government.

One of the two Sandinista leaders reported kidnapped, Ray Hooker, is a former university dean educated in the United States. He had been chosen as a Sandinista candidate for the new National Assembly that is to be elected in November, and was traveling from this Atlantic coast city to the Indian village of Karawala, about 70 miles north of here, to promote his candidacy.

The other victim, Patricia Delgado, is a member of the regional Sandinista governing committee and was traveling with Mr. Hooker to the village.

The captain of the small launch in which they were traveling, Santiago Mayorga, was also missing in the incident, which occurred Wednesday. The Nicaraguan Defense Ministry was quoted as saying Friday that the three had been abducted by 80 insurgents.

4 Bodies Have Been Found

Of the 82 Nicaraguans reported kidnapped by right-wing rebels since July, the bodies of 4 were found in the Escondido River last month, but the fate of the other 78 victims is unknown. Some are believed to have been taken to rebel camps in Costa Rica or Honduras.

Sandinista officers believe that nearly 1,000 rebels, known as contras, are scattered throughout southeastern Nicaragua, a sparsely populated expanse of swamps, jungles and tropical rain forests. Over the last 10 days, they have mounted a series of attacks.

On Aug. 30, a raiding party captured and burned a barge used to haul food and other goods to Bluefields from the western part of the country. Three crewmen aboard the barge were carried off, and there has been no word of their fate.

There is no road to connect Bluefields with the rest of Nicaragua, so the loss of the barge has made it difficult for residents to obtain goods. The Government is, however, constructing a new airport here.

Attack by 200 Rebels

On Wednesday, a force estimated at more than 200 rebels attacked the town of La Cruz del Rio Grande, killing 4 people and suffering 14 dead, according to Government figures.

Two days later, the head of an agricultural cooperative in Cañonero, less than 10 miles from Bluefields, was killed in an ambush along with two members of the cooperative. The head of the cooperative, Jacinto Vargas Estrada, had urged his neighbors to work with Sandinista officials.

"The contras are trying to do two things," said Harry Chávez, a local Sandinista spokesman. "They want to terrorize people so they will not work with the revolutionary Government, and at the same time they are laying the groundwork for an effort to seize some territory. Taking Bluefields would be their greatest triumph."

In recent months, insurgents have mounted several attacks in which they have made special efforts to single out and kill leaders of pro-Sandinista organizations. Coordinators of Sandinista block committees, youth groups, health centers and cooperatives have been among the victims.

Mr. Hooker, who maintained relations with Indians opposed to the Government, is among the most widely respected citizens of Bluefields. He graduated from Ohio University with a degree in history, became assistant dean of humanities at the National University in Managua, and in 1981 was named director of the Institute for the Atlantic Coast, a Government agency. More recently, he had been in charge of administering social services for indigenous groups in the coast region.

The official Sandinista newspaper, Barricada charged Saturday that Mr. Hooker's kidnapping was planned by the Central Intelligence Agency, which has provided millions of dollars in covert aid to rebel groups.